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FRANCO-CHINESE TRADE MEETS DIFFICULTIES

Recent conferences between a French Economic Mission and the Central Trust resulted in efforts to improve trade between China and France. The plan is for China to ship tea and hemp, and France to send cigarette paper to China. But negotiations are stalemated over the price question. For example, it costs 30 US cents for a unit of hemp for which the French are willing to pay only 18.90 cents. The French ask \$4.55 per pound for cigarette paper, a price the Chinese cannot pay. A further complication is a difference in the rate of exchange between the British pound and the US dollar. In France the pound is worth US \$4.00, in China only US \$3.00. If China tries to do business at this French rate of exchange, the cost to her will be too great. Because of the difficulties mentioned above, prospects for resumption of trade are meager.

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